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GEN. YOUNG'S VICTORY

News Relieves Uneasiness at Headquarters in Manila.

LIEUT. LEDYARD KILLED IN NEGROS

Aguinaldo Believed to Be Surrounded in the Mountains.

ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORTS

MANILA, December 8.—There was considerable relief in Manila when the news was received today that General Young's small force of 200 men, who were in the province of South Ilocos, December 6, had been relieved by General Young and his garrison at Vigan since it was known that General Tino had a large aggressive body of insurgents operating in the vicinity. General Tino made a stand in the mountainous region of Negros and San Quinto. The natural strength of the position was augmented by trenches and pits. The fight lasted five hours. General Young had three companies of the 8th Infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Howe, and two troops of the 3d Cavalry, Captain Sweetser commanding, and one troop under Captain Chase. He was reinforced during the fight by Col. Luther R. Hare, with a battalion of the 33d, en route to Vigan. General Young ended the fight by charging and routing the enemy, who left twenty-five dead, several rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition in the trenches. The enemy was seriously wounded. Only one American was seriously wounded.

The uprising in the Island of Negros was led by the police of La Corla district, where there is a small American garrison. The police inspired false reports of insurgent victories in Luzon and Panay. There are 250 native police in Negros, uniformed and armed with Springfield rifles.

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Gen. Otis' Report.
The adjutant general has received two important messages from General Otis, showing latest developments in the situation in the Philippines. They are as follows:

"Informed that the outbreak of the natives in the district south of Zamboanga, a result of reported recent great insurgent victories in Luzon and Panay, which natives believe has not been ascertained. Lieutenant A. C. Ledyard, 6th Infantry, was killed and the natives were routed. One of our chief difficulties arises from the circulation of false news among the natives, defaming newspaper articles of United States and Europe prominently published in Spanish in San Francisco, Madrid and by the Hong Kong Junta and circulated in the Philippines. The insurgents have based all their hopes upon false news."

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"Hospital ship Relief, which has just returned from Vigan, bringing 272 sick soldiers, 232 Spanish prisoners, reports several hundred Spanish prisoners at Vigan, for whom we will send a transport this evening. Col. Hare, 33d Infantry, was killed on the 5th instant, and now, took command of his regiment and a battalion of the 34th Infantry, is in pursuit of the insurgents on the road southeast to Lepanto, thence to Bontoc, on which Aguinaldo and 300 insurgents are supposed to be retreating with American prisoners. The inhabitants of the western Luzon coast are friendly and give assistance."

Aguinaldo Hounded In.
The town of Bontoc, toward which Aguinaldo, with his body guard, is said to be retreating, lies in the mountain fastnesses of the northern end of Luzon, being about fifty-five or sixty miles southeast of Vigan, where the northern base of the American forces was established by the Oregon, and which is now in the possession of General Young. It is believed that notwithstanding the rugged country in which Aguinaldo is taking refuge, the troops will soon drive him out. If this last report as to Aguinaldo's whereabouts is true it indicates that he has been hounded off in his retreat to the northward for the last time, and is being compelled to take his last steps toward the south, although he has been in the peninsula through the interior of the western coast. If he is striving to regain his old stronghold in Cavite province his chances of success are very slight. Just fifty miles south of his present station and directly in his line of march toward the valley is a considerable American force at Bayambang; to the westward of this is the American force on the shores of Lingayen gulf, and to the east of Bayambang is an almost impassable mountain range. So with Young behind him, with Col. Hare close in his rear, and his front obstructed as above indicated, the War Department officials feel that Aguinaldo has little chance of escaping to the southward. In addition to the forces already mentioned, Maj. Batchelder is making rapidly for Agaña, about the only port of importance on the extreme north end of the island, so as to control the outlet in that direction. The best chance remaining to Aguinaldo is believed to be to abandon the escort of 300 now traveling with him, in which case he might easily insure his personal escape in disguise, an event the administration would probably view with equanimity.

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The crime for which Johnson suffered the penalty of the law was committed July 27 last, when he criminally assaulted Anna Kerfoot, the twelve-year-old daughter of Thos. F. Kerfoot, a lock tender on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. The assault in all its details was a brutal one and was attended with the most heinous intent. Hundreds of men were soon in pursuit of the negro, who was captured on the banks of the Potomac, near Williamsport and brought to Hagerstown. His identity was then unknown, but when confronted by the little girl he confessed to the crime. For two nights angry crowds surrounded the jail, threatening to lynch the prisoner. To insure his safety from mob law he was removed to Baltimore until the excitement had subsided.

ON INSULAR AFFAIRS.
The House Provides for a New and Important Committee.
The House today provided for the creation of a committee on insular affairs, to have jurisdiction of all affairs, except appropriations and revenues, relating to Porto Rico and the Philippines. The committee will consist of seventeen members, and will be appointed by the Speaker with the other committees.

The new committee will not deal with questions affecting Hawaii or Samoa. There is a rush of applications for appointment to the committee. The Speaker has stated that he considered this an important matter, and will appoint to it only men of the highest ability.

Adjutant General Corbin received a telegram this morning from Gen. Otis saying that the transports Olympia and Pennsylvania, carrying the 39th Volunteer Infantry

and a battalion of the 45th Volunteer Infantry, arrived at Manila last evening, having had no casualties en route.

Demand for Otis' Report.
Owing to the great demand on the part of members of Congress for copies of the report of Maj. Gen. Otis, showing military and political conditions in the Philippines, the Secretary of War has arranged to have a portable edition of the report ready for distribution by Monday morning. The report contains a mass of information relating to the conditions in the Philippines, which will be undoubtedly of great interest to Congressmen in the forthcoming consideration of the Philippine question.

Lieut. Ledyard's Father Notified.
DETROIT, Mich., December 8.—The news of the death of Lieut. August C. Ledyard, who was killed in Negros, was broken today to his father, Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad, while the father was en route home from New York. It was decided to send an intimate friend to meet the president's car and endeavor to soften the blow. The lieutenant was Mr. Ledyard's second son. He was at Yale at the outbreak of the Spanish war, and had outlined for himself a railroad career, joining the patriotic rush of students, he enlisted in a New York battery, and spent most of his time as a volunteer in camp life near Tampa. Afterward, at his own and his father's desire, he joined the regular army as second lieutenant. He was a grandson of the famous Gen. Lewis Cass.

CONSUL MACRUM.
Cables He Will Leave for Home the Week.
Consul Macrum has broken his long silence and in a cable message received at the State Department today, dated Pretoria, he announces that he will sail on the 18th instant, via Naples, for the United States. This is an indication that he received the department's cablegram granting his application for leave of absence. The message also indicates that Mr. Macrum will make his homeward trip by the East African route, probably taking ship at Lovrenco Marquez or Durban, and going by way of the Suez canal to Naples, where he will tranship by one of the direct steamers to New York.

Mr. Adelbert Hay, who is going to Pretoria to replace Mr. Macrum, will leave Washington tomorrow to begin his long journey. He will go by Southampton, thence taking steamer for the Cape. He goes alone. Pending his arrival, and after the departure of Mr. Macrum, the duties of the American consulate at Pretoria will be in the hands of Mr. Atterbury, unless the State Department can prevail upon the British government to permit Mr. Marquez to temporarily transfer his activities to Pretoria.

MARINE CORPS APPOINTMENTS.
Result of the Recent Examination for Second Lieutenants.
The President has appointed the following named gentlemen second lieutenants in the marine corps:

Herbert A. Mott, New Jersey; H. L. Roosevelt of New York; Jay M. Salladary of Illinois; Rush R. Wallace of Tennessee; and Mackay Babb of West Virginia. These young men were the only successful competitors in the recent examination conducted by marine officers at the Washington Navy Yard, out of a list of over twenty candidates. The examination was held at the Washington Navy Yard, and the candidates were examined in the list of second lieutenants of marine, and another examination will be held at the navy yard in this city on the 20th instant, for the purpose of filling the complement of the corps.

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